



Spotlight on Abbeville...

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of Abbeville. An historic treaty with the Cherokee Indians was signed at Dewitt's Corner (now Due West) in 1777. Originally part of the Ninety-Six District, this area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot farmers settled here in the mid-eighteenth century. Abbeville was known as a "hotbed" of secession, and at the end of the Civil War, the last Confederate council of war was held here. Abbeville's most famous native son was John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), United States vice president, secretary of war and of state, and senator.

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Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood, and McCormick counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 47.5 inches.

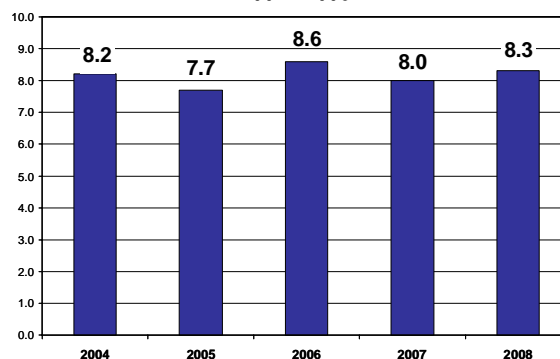
Population

- Was 25,450 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 26,760 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 69.9% White, 29.0% African-American, and 1.1% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 217 in 2000 to 270 in 2007, a 24.4% change.

Labor Force

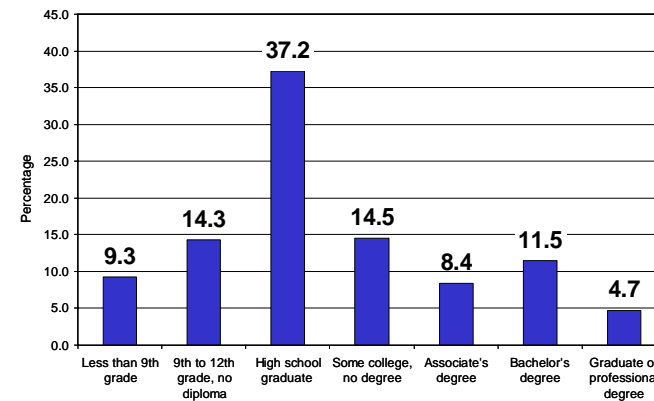
- Decreased from 11,540 in 2007 to 11,400 in 2008
- Employment dropped from 10,610 in 2007 to 10,460 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.0% in 2007 to 8.3% in 2008.

**Unemployment Rates for Abbeville County
2004 - 2008**



Educational Attainment

Abbeville County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$23,830 in 2007.
- This was 77% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 62% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Abbeville Workforce Center, serving Abbeville and McCormick counties, paid \$4,271,617 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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